

THE WORST IS YET TO COME



FIRST PARIS "CHANTECLER" HAT TO ARRIVE ON THE COAST. WORN BY MISS HELENE IRWIN.

Miss Helene Irwin Imports First Chantecler Hat From Paris to San Francisco—When Will It Hit Honolulu?

SAN FRANCISCO, April 28.—Bobbing about with pride, due to the first Paris Chantecler to reach the city, Miss Helene Irwin, a white Chantecler, appeared at the Maud Allan performance on the head of Miss Helene Irwin, daughter of William G. Irwin. It bore over a big little Neapolitan crown, lined with black velvet, quite as perky as the fowl himself. From the white ruff of tiny feathers about his neck to the graceful long tail feathers he was a startling bit of reality which threatened to transform the Maud Allan performance and all the classical dances into an adverse performance of Rostand's "Chantecler." The crimson waltzes of the bird were not as real as the tickled hen's combs which are being flaunted in New York cockfights, but were made of tiny red feathers adroitly fastened to imitate the waltzes of the live barnyard fowl. Miss Irwin seemed surprised at the attention she was attracting and afterwards was heard to say: "I never would have worn my Chantecler but if I had known what excitement it would cause."

THE NEW AMERICAN CITY GOVERNMENT

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